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AMENDMENT "B" UNDER FINAL REJECTION

Honorable Assistant Commissioner
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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 31, 2002.

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 31, 2002 wherein: (1) the Examiner commented on the Abstract; (2) claims 1, 2, 5 and 11 were finally rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,409,521 (RATHBURN '521); and, (4) claims 12, 13 and 15-19 were allowed and claims 3, 4 and 6-10 were indicated as containing allowable subject matter.

By the present amendment, applicants have: presented additional arguments in support of patentability of the rejected claims and have raised their objections to the cursory statement of Reasons for Allowance given by the Examiner, which do not make any sense. Entry of this